

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A traffic shaping apparatus calculates a minimum transmission interval, an allowed transmission frame rate of a user frame, and a reference transmission interval for each user according to a minimum transmission frame rate and a peak transmission frame rate specified for each user. The traffic shaping apparatus also calculates a first estimated transmission time according to the reference transmission interval, and a second estimated transmission time according to the minimum transmission interval for each user. The traffic shaping apparatus determines the user having the earliest first estimated transmission time, and determines according to the second estimated transmission time of the user whether a user frame is to be transmitted.